



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

Upcoming Events

Oct 19 – Meal: Asian Fest
Oct 24 – Alva Bible Chair Lunch
Oct 26 – Meal: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Relish Tray, French Bread, Dessert
Nov 5 – Fall Carnival
Nov 9 – Meatballs, Macaroni & Cheese, Potatoes, Chocolate Cake & Pumpkin Pie

Birthdays:

16th.....Dawn Webb
17th.....Deana LeCrone
19th.....Jeanita Meek
20th.....Carol Jantz

North Garland Kids' Activities:

Emily Moore: Lil' Chicas Softball-2:00 p.m. at Government Springs South Softball Field: **Tonight**

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader **Dee Plummer**
Pilgrim's Praise **Erik Granberg**
Prayer..... **Jacob Bowman**
Sermon: Acts-Paul Sails Through a Storm **Erik Granberg**
Shepherd's Prayer **Terry Sherrill**

Nursery **Jamie Barr**
Sound Booth/Slides..... **Dee Plummer**

Sermon Scripture: Acts 27:1-28:16

Sermon Thought:

Paul continues to minister to others, even as a shipwrecked prisoner. Storms come in life, sometimes literally, sometimes figuratively. Whichever comes, we ought to expect them coming and being prepared will help up us through those times?

Sermon Questions:

1. How can knowing a storm is coming be helpful?
2. What distractions or obstacles make it difficult to remember that God's presence is with us?
3. What are some practical ways a person can remember to turn their attention toward God during the storms?

Next Week's (10/23/22) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Brett Thornton

**Communion
Talk:** Brian Wright

**Shepherd's
Prayer:** John Wright

**Sound Booth/
Slides:** Brynna Brownell
Kira Granberg

Nursery: Mandy Coker

New Prayer Concerns:

Debbie Martin – diagnosed with COPD
James & Mary Bales – good friends of the Meeks; both are having health issues with James in the hospital and Mary being unable to be with him
Frank & Doris Haltom – Jeanita Meek's brother & sister-in-law; Doris is having health issues & Frank needs prayers as her caretaker

Right or Righteous

Part of the foundation of the United States is the Bill of Rights. In it, certain rights are laid out that every US citizen has as part of belonging to this country. Some of the rights include freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the right to assemble, bear arms, due process, vote and several others. I believe these rights are incredibly important and valuable. They have helped make the United States a place that people want to come to. People are willing to leave their home and come to a place that has opportunities for a better life. While I do think that everyone should have these rights, I also think there are times when these rights shouldn't be exercised.

In considering freedom of religion, have you ever heard of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster? Sounds like nonsense, right? Nope. It exists, but simply an attempt to pick a proverbial fight through satire. Not helpful. Now consider freedom of speech, which protects individuals' right to speak their mind so that conversation, dialogue and opposing views can be considered. This is great until profanity, tearing people down, and belligerent words take over. Then it is no longer helpful but hurtful.

Ultimately, the reason I believe rights should be had but not always exercised is because of God's standards. His ways supersede man's. Just because someone has the right or something is lawful or legal doesn't make it righteous. Paul puts it this way in 1 Corinthians 6:12, "I have the right to do anything,' you say-but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything'-but I will not be mastered by anything." Think of these attributes of God: merciful, full of grace, forgiving. Those attributes all deal with setting aside what the "right" of self and thinking of the good of the other. I challenge you, seeks God's ways as you walk this earth. But just know, following him may mean laying down a right so that you may pursue what is righteous.

Erik Granberg

College Students

If you have an immediate family member in college, please let Mary Sherrill know as she is putting together addresses for the school year.

Attention Parents!

Our church family would love to be more involved with the kids of North Garland! With band, sports, and other extra-curricular activities getting back in the swing of things, we are needing your child's schedule so we can support them. Please email or bring your child's schedule to the office. We have many talented kids, please help us show them how proud our church family is of them and the things they love to do!

Mailboxes

The Wednesday night children's class has been working hard making the mailboxes you see in the foyer. Please take a few minutes this week to write them an encouraging note or card. These kids are the future of our church! Let's invest in their lives and show them how important they really are!

Garland Girls

Our next Garland Girl meeting will be October 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring a pumpkin to decorate! We will be having lunch.